

SEVENTH DAY.

(Tuesday, January 16, 1917.)

The House met at 11 o'clock a. m.,
pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Lee.
Baker.	Lindemann.
Beard of Harris.	Lowe
Beard of Milam.	of McMullen.
Beasley.	Low
Beason.	of Washington.
Bedell.	McComb.
Bell.	McCoy.
Bertram.	McDowra.
Blackburn.	McFarland.
Blackmon.	McMillin.
Blalock.	Martin.
Bland.	Meador.
Bledsoe.	Mendell.
Boner.	Metcalfe.
Brown.	Miller of Austin.
Bryan.	Miller of Dallas.
Bryant.	Monday.
Burton of Rusk.	Moore.
Burton of Tarrant.	Morris.
Butler.	Murrell.
Cadenhead.	Neeley.
Canales.	Neill.
Carlock.	Nichols.
Clark.	Nordhaus.
Cope.	O'Banion.
Cox.	O'Brien.
Crudgington.	Osborne.
Davis of Dallas.	Parks.
Davis of Grimes.	Peddy.
Davis	Peyton.
of Van Zandt.	Pillow.
De Bogory.	Poage.
Denton.	Pope.
Dodd.	Raiden.
Dudley.	Reeves.
Dunnam.	Richards.
Estes.	Robertson.
Fairchild.	Roemer.
Florer.	Rogers.
Fisher.	Russell.
Fly.	Sackett.
Greenwood.	Sallas.
Haidusek.	Sentell.
Harris.	Schlesinger.
Hartman.	Schlosshan.
Hawkins.	Seawright.
Hill.	Sholars.
Holland.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Hopkins.
Johnson.	Smith of Scurry.
Jones.	Spencer of Nolan.
Laas.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	Spradley.
Laney.	Stewart.
Lange.	Strayhorn.
Lanier.	Swope.

Taylor.	Trayler.
Templeton.	Upchurch.
Terrell.	Valentine.
Thomas.	Veatch.
Thomason	Wahrmund.
of El Paso.	Walker.
Thomason	White.
of Nacogdoches.	Williams
Thompson	of Brazoria.
of Hunt.	Williford.
Thompson	Wilson.
of Red River.	Woods.
Tillotson.	Woodul.
Tilson.	Yantis.
Tinner.	

Absent.

Fitzpatrick.	Williams
	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Cates.	Scholl.
Hardey.	Tschoepe.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Hardey, for today, on motion of Mr. McFarland.

Mr. Cates, for today, on motion of Mr. White.

Mr. Scholl, for today, on motion of Mr. Hartman.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Davis of Dallas and Mr. Reeves:

H. B. No. 235, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3881, 3882 and 3883 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended by an act passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, relating to the maximum amount of fees of all kinds to be retained by certain officers; and to amend Article 3885 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to the fees of district attorneys in districts composed of one or more counties and the maximum amount of fees such officer may retain; and providing that compensation allowed to be paid district and county attorneys when acting under the direction of the Attor-

ney General and representing the State in action for the enforcement of anti-trust laws, and when representing the State in felony prosecutions under Chapter 6 of Title 18 of the Penal Code, and when representing the State in the enforcement of the existing penal statutes under the direction of the Attorney General shall not be included in arriving at the maximum amount to be retained by such officers; and by adding to the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911 Article 3885a, relating to the duties of the county attorney and his duties during the absence of the district attorney and the compensation of the county attorney when acting for and instead of the district attorney in districts composed of one or more counties; and amending Article 3893 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended by an act passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, relating to the powers of the commissioners court to allow compensation for ex-officio services to certain county officials in cases where the compensation which such officials are allowed to retain under this chapter does not reach the maximum provided for, and adding to the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911 Article 3893a, providing that all provisions in local or special laws of the State granting ex-officio compensation or salaries to certain county officers are repealed; and repealing Article 3897 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended by the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature; and repealing Article 3898 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as said article was amended by an act passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and amending Article 3903 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended in Chapter 121 and 142 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, relating to the appointment of assistants and deputies for certain county officials; and providing for deputies for certain county officials; and providing the manner of appointment of such assistants and deputies, and providing the maximum amount of salary to be paid to such assistants and deputies, and providing for the employment in counties of one hundred thousand inhabitants or more by dis-

trict or county attorneys in addition to their regular assistants or deputies, special agents, and prescribing the duties of such special agents and the maximum amount any county is authorized to expend for such purposes; and amending Article 3894 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to the duties of certain county officers to keep statements of fees accruing to their office and all sums coming into their hands as fees and commissions in a book provided for that purpose, and providing that said book shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the commissioners court and the county auditor; and amending Article 3905 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to certain supplies to be allowed to certain county officers mentioned in said articles, and providing that the officers mentioned therein shall be furnished suitable offices, and repealing Article 3924 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, and providing that all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and providing that this law shall take effect and be in force from and after December 1, 1915, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Miller of Dallas:

H. B. No. 236, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1004, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to the condemnation of property by private corporations so as to extend the right therein given to condemn property necessary for the construction of reservoirs and standpipes to the right to condemn property for the purpose of laying a pipe line to connect such reservoirs and standpipes."

Referred to Committee on Private Corporations.

By Mr. Hardey and Mr. Williams of Brazoria:

H. B. No. 237, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a more adequate system of laws relating to irrigation and declaring the unappropriated waters of the State the property of the State; authorizing their appropriation, storage and diversion for beneficial uses; perpetuating the Board of Water Engineers and prescribing its powers, duties and compensation; defining water rights and prescribing the method of acquir-

ing, perfecting and preserving same; requiring application to be made to the Board of Water Engineers for permits to construct storage, diversion and distribution works, and prescribing the method thereof; limiting the right to the waters of the State to beneficial uses, and declaring forfeiture for abandonment of use; prescribing standards for the measurement of water; providing a method for the determination of water rights by the Board of Water Engineers; authorizing appeals from the decisions of the State Board of Water Engineers, and regulating the manner thereof; prescribing the method of serving notices on claimants and appropriators of water, and declaring the effects of failure to observe the same; authorizing the issuance of certificates of water rights and the recording thereof; fixing certain fees; creating the office of Water Commissioner and prescribing the duties and compensation thereof; authorizing the appointment of special assistants and prescribing their duties and compensation; dividing the State into water divisions and providing for water districts; prescribing the method for determining and recording titles to irrigation works, and establishing the period of limitation to quiet titles thereto; regulating partnership ditches; conferring the right of eminent domain in aid of construction of irrigation works; prohibiting the seeding of Johnson grass or Russian thistle on irrigation canals; prescribing penalties for violation of the provisions of this act; requiring the making of annual report to the Board of Water Engineers; requiring the control of flowing artesian wells; authorizing the chartering of corporations to construct and operate irrigation and other works; authorizing contracts for the supply and delivery of water, and creating liens to secure payment thereof; authorizing the acquisition of lands by irrigation companies, and requiring the alienation thereof; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Irrigation.

By Mr. Hardey and Mr. Williams of Brazoria:

H. B. No. 238, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners courts of the several counties of Texas to create and establish water improvement districts, to construct reservoirs, dams, canals, laterals, ditches,

pumping plants and other internal improvements necessary to irrigation systems; to order and hold elections for the purpose of voting on irrigation propositions and establishment of such districts; and provide for the careful government and operation of such districts; and authorize such districts to issue bonds and assess property for taxation, and to levy and collect taxes in payment of bonds issued for such irrigation improvements and the maintenance thereof, and authorize such districts to levy assessments for the maintenance thereof, and to assess and collect taxes for the payment of bonds issued on interest thereof, and the expenses of assessing and collecting such taxes; authorizing the election of directors and assessors and collectors, and authorizing the appointment of all other necessary officers, attorneys, managers, engineers and employes of such district for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act; providing for determining the lands included in said district and the addition of other territory to same, and the exclusion of territory from same; granting right of eminent domain for such district and authorizing such districts to acquire by purchase, gift, grant or condemnation for such district, the title of any right-of-way and other necessary property, and providing for the payment therefor; providing for the acquiring of water rights for such districts, and providing for the distribution of water by such districts, and the sale of water; authorizing such districts to do all things necessary for the establishment and maintenance of such districts, and construction and maintenance of all necessary improvements, and to levy and collect assessments for the maintenance thereof; providing for the selection of depositories, for the maintenance of an office, for the keeping of books and accounts by such district; fixing a lien and penalties to enforce the collection of taxes; fixing a lien and penalty to enforce the collection of assessments; providing for the filing of suits to establish the validity of the formation of such districts, and providing for the Attorney General of the State to file answers in such proceedings, and fixing the venue of such actions; authorizing the addition of territory within two or more counties to establish districts, and authorizing the formation of districts including territory in two or more counties, providing for election in such district and the method of making returns and declaring the result of such

election; providing that suit may be instituted in the name of the State of Texas by the Attorney General; providing for the distribution of water among the water users of such districts; providing generally a complete system for the formation of water improvement districts, the governing of such districts, and the dissolution of such districts; providing that such districts may acquire existing drainage improvements and pay the debts of same; providing that such districts may construct drainage ditches and improvements and may construct levees and may pay for all such improvements; providing for the validation and continuing in force of all irrigation districts heretofore formed and now existing in the State of Texas; repealing an act of the Thirty-third Legislature, being Chapter 172 of said Acts of 1913 of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Irrigation.

By Mr. Monday and Mr. Fitzpatrick:

H. B. No. 239, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Falls county, Texas; conferring said civil jurisdiction upon the district court of said county and conforming the jurisdiction of said district court to said change; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict or inconsistent herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Monday and Mr. Fitzpatrick:

H. B. No. 240, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Eighty-first Judicial District of Texas, to be composed of Falls county; prescribing the jurisdiction and fixing the times for holding court and empaneling grand juries in said district; providing for the completion by the judge of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District of such term of court as may be in session in said county as a part of said Fifty-fourth Judicial District at the time this act takes effect; providing for the appointment and tenure and fixing salary of a judge for said Eighty-first Judicial District; providing for the appointment of an official court reporter therefor; providing for the present district clerk of Falls county to be the clerk of the said Eighty-first District and continue to hold office for the term for which he was elected; providing for the trial and disposition by said Eighty-first district court of all business

pending in said district court of Falls county at the time this act shall take effect, and for the return of all writs and process to and cognizance of all bonds and recognizances by said district court of Falls county as constituting the Eighty-first Judicial District, which shall have been issued, entered into or filed in connection with any business of said Falls county district court prior to the taking effect of this act; repealing that part of Section 3 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature which constituted Falls county a part of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District, and that part of Section 8 of said act wherein it provides for the holding of court in Falls county as a part of said Fifty-fourth Judicial District, as well as repealing all other laws and part of laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Tinner:

H. B. No. 241, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2750, Revised Statutes of 1911, providing for the election and appointment of county superintendents of public instruction, etc., so as to provide that no resident of an incorporated city or town, or independent school district, which has a superintendent of schools or public instruction of its own shall vote in elections hereafter held under such article, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Tinner:

H. B. No. 242, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 6 of Chapter 75, Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session, 1913, providing that all special taxes collected in a political subdivision or defined district under the terms of said chapter 'as well as its part of the surplus from the general road tax after deducting fixed charges' shall be expended only in such districts or subdivisions, so as to eliminate the provision with respect to such division's or district's 'part of the surplus from the general road tax, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Holland:

H. B. No. 243, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for more speedy trials

in justice courts where the claim sued on is for labor performed or personal services rendered, or where either plaintiff or defendant is a transient person in this State or a non-resident of the State, and when the plaintiff files an affidavit to that effect, when the cause is filed with the justice of the peace having jurisdiction of the same, and providing for citation service, answer and trial, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Peyton:

H. B. No. 244, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require drivers and operators of automobiles and all other motor vehicles to come to a full stop within 150 feet of every railroad crossing, and providing that failure to do so shall be a misdemeanor, and providing a penalty therefor."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Sallas:

H. B. No. 245, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6633, Revised Statutes, 1911, providing that corporations chartered under the terms of Title 125, Revised Statutes, 1911, must construct the road for which they are chartered within certain times or suffer forfeiture of the charter and certain franchises so as to have such article provide for forfeiture of the charter and other rights and franchises of such corporations for failure to construct, etc., the entire line for which the corporation is chartered within certain times in this act specified; also repealing certain laws; providing other remedies for such failure, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Private Corporations.

By Mr. Nichols:

H. B. No. 246, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 5 of House bill No. 25, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at the Regular Session, 1913, and approved April 7, 1913, relating to prorating the appropriation for Confederate pensions among the pensioners."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Schlesinger:

H. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 84, House bill No. 653 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas by a special law for the preservation of bass and other fish of the bass species, and of perch, sunfish and

crappie species, in the following locality: In any water which is located in the valley of the Medina river from where the lower or diversion dam above the town of Castroville crosses the Medina river, in Medina county, Texas, to a point on the Medina river, in Bandera county, Texas, which by following the meanders of the Medina river upward towards its source, shall constitute a distance of twenty-five miles, and in any of the waters which are impounded by the lower or diversion dam above the town of Castroville, in Medina county, Texas, and in any of the waters that are impounded by the upper or main dam in Medina county, Texas, which is located about four miles above said lower or diversion dam; and making it unlawful to catch and retain or have possession of any bass, or other fish of the bass species which are less than eleven inches in length, or to catch and retain, or have possession of, in any one day, a total aggregate of more than ten bass or other fish of the bass species, or to catch and retain, or have possession of, in any one day, a total aggregate of more than twenty perch, crappie or sunfish species, and making it unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or buy, any fish caught in any of said waters, and providing that the special act shall be cumulative of the general laws of the State and not repeal same, and providing for a penalty for violation of said special law, and declaring an emergency, and fixing the venue of the prosecutions for violations of the law, and providing it shall not be unlawful to catch and retain more than twenty perch to be used as bait, providing none of such perch so caught for bait are larger than two inches long."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Canales:

H. B. No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 48, General Laws of Texas, creating Willacy county, approved March 11, 1911; and to amend Section 1, Chapter 10, General Laws of Texas, creating Kleberg county, approved February 27, 1913, the purpose of this act being to change and make the boundary line between said counties conform to the result of elections duly called and held in said counties, the returns of which have been duly estimated, tabulated, certified to, sealed, endorsed and transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the manner and form prescribed by law, whereby certain territory was detached.

from Willacy county and attached to Kleberg county, and whereby certain land, waters and territory were detached from Kleberg and attached to Willacy county; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Fairchild and Mr. Valentine:

H. B. No. 249, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1903 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, so as to render a certified plea of privilege prima facie proof of the right of the defendants to change of venue, and providing for procedure thereon."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Denton, Mr. Beasley and Mr. Fairchild:

H. B. No. 250, A bill to be entitled "An Act supplementing the act creating a Live Stock Sanitary Commission for the State of Texas as defined and described in Article 7312, Revised Civil Statutes, and providing for the further protection of the live stock industry of Texas against all malignant, contagious and infectious or communicable diseases; prescribing the duties of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission; authorizing it to formulate rules and regulations for moving and treating domestic animals within the State; for the protection of the live stock industry of Texas against ticks or splenetic fever and other malignant, infectious and communicable diseases and especially the eradication of the Texas fever-carrying tick, commonly known as the cattle tick (*Maragropies annulatus*), scabies in sheep, and other malignant, infectious and communicable diseases affecting sheep and other live stock; authorizing said Commission to prescribe quarantine lines and to establish special quarantine districts, and for the quarantine of premises within said districts; and providing that it shall be the duty of the commissioners court of any county to co-operate with the said Live Stock Sanitary Commission; to employ cattle, sheep or live stock inspectors, and to build or lease suitable dipping vats for the dipping or treatment of domestic animals; providing process to compel compliance by commissioners courts and the members thereof with the provisions of this act; providing for the quarantine, appraise-

ment and condemnation of horses, mules or asses found infected with the glanders or anthrax; for holding local option elections; for taking up and prosecuting the work of tick eradication within any county or counties in this State; for the proclamation of a quarantine around said county or counties by the Governor of Texas, and the compulsory quarantine of said county or counties after January 1, 1919; for the separate quarantine of every individual premise within said county or counties; for the exemption of work and saddle stock from said quarantine; for the appointment of live stock inspectors by commissioners courts; for the employment of county inspectors in any county wherein sheep are quarantined on account of scabies; for the publication or service of all quarantines issued by the Live Stock Sanitary Commission, and providing that the same shall be admissible as evidence; for the filing of quarantine notices and making it a misdemeanor to fail or refuse to dip or treat domestic animals when ordered to do so by the Live Stock Sanitary Commission or inspector thereof, or inspector of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, or to move domestic animals out of quarantine territory without a written permit, or to fail or refuse to permit the inspection of domestic animals, and prescribing penalties therefor; this act to be cumulative of the act creating a Live Stock Sanitary Commission, as provided for in Article 7312, Revised Civil Statutes; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

By Mr. Tilson (by request):

H. B. No. 251, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and providing for the enforcement of liens for materials, machinery or supplies furnished to, or for labor performed for, owners of land, mines or quarries, or owners of leaseholds for oil, gas, or water wells, for oil or gas pipe lines and right of way, or for mining or quarrying purposes, and for materials, machinery, supplies or labor, for the construction, maintenance, operation or repair of oil, gas or water wells, or of oil or gas pipe lines, mines or quarries, and prohibiting the sale or removal of property subject to such lines, and providing a penalty therefor."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Thompson of Red River, Mr. Upchurch and Mr. Thomas:

H. B. No. 252, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1731 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and to better define the qualifications of county judges in counties in which the county courts have civil and criminal jurisdiction, and term of office."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Thompson of Hunt and Mr. Nichols:

H. B. No. 253, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1521 of the Revised Civil Statutes defining the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, as amended by the Acts of 1913, page 107, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Dodd:

H. B. No. 254, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Marion county the civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to said court under the Constitution and general statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform with the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change; to fix the time of holding court, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. McCoy and Mr. Spencer:

H. B. No. 255, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating travel and traffic on the highways, roads and streets of the State of Texas, and providing penalty, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Poage:

H. B. No. 256, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 5, Acts of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-third Texas Legislature, being a free conference substitute for House bill No. 4, providing for a system of permanent warehouses, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Seawright:

H. B. No. 257, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the placing of short term male State convicts upon

public roads; to define short term male convicts and rules governing them while employed upon the public highways; to give counties authority to secure State convicts through petition of the commissioners court to the Penitentiary Commission; to recommend the placing of such convicts upon their honor as their merit will justify when such transfer is made from the State farms or the walls to public roads; making it mandatory for the commissioners court thus petitioning to provide railroad fare from penitentiary farm to point of destination; to provide for commutation of sentence for good behavior and service to such convicts as merit reward; giving the commissioners court authority to pay for transportation of convicts by warrants drawn upon the road and bridge funds of the county so petitioning; also authority to draw warrants upon road and bridge fund for maintenance of convicts for food, raiment and medical purposes."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Murrell:

H. B. No. 258, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the lavish or corrupt use of money in primary elections; providing for what purposes money may be used in primary elections; providing that every candidate shall include in his expense account an averment that he has not violated the provisions of this act, provided no person shall directly or indirectly use money or other things of value to promote or defeat the nomination of any candidate or candidates, providing that any candidate violating this act shall not be allowed to have his name on the official ballot at the general election, as the official nominee of his party, and providing that violations of this act shall be a felony, and providing for the punishment in cases of conviction under this act."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Beasley:

H. B. No. 259, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for McCulloch county, Texas; defining the powers and duties of the commissioners court of said county in adopting such system, and providing for the condemnation of lands for opening, changing, widening, ditching, making embankments or fills or draining water away from the public roads in said

county; providing that the commissioners of said county be ex-officio road commissioners, defining their powers and duties and providing for their compensation; providing that road hands may be assigned to such roads as may be deemed best by the road commissioners of the precinct or the commissioners court of said county; providing for road overseers to call out hands on twenty-four hours notice, and providing for penalty for failure to call out hands when notified to do so; for the payment of overseers working overtime; for the release of road hands by the payment of money; creating a penal offense for the obstruction of ditches or drainways and diverting surface water or streams into public roads of said county, and providing a penalty; making this law cumulative of the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Metcalfe:

H. B. No. 260, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 923f of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, as enacted by Chapter 135 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, prohibiting the use of seines, nets or trot lines in any of the free waters of this State; prohibiting the use of any throw or set line with more than three hooks; prohibiting the sale of bass, crappie and channel cat, and fixing a closed season, beginning January 1 and ending June 1 of each year on all fishing in public fresh waters, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Raiden and Mr. Sentell:

H. B. No. 261, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for taxing the owners of lands in this State on which they owe vendor lien notes, or an indebtedness secured by mortgage, only to the extent of their equity in said land, and to provide for the rendition and payment of taxes on vendor lien notes and mortgage indebtedness in the county where the land is situated upon which such vendor lien or mortgage lien is held, and to provide that the tax assessed against such vendor lien or mortgage lien indebtedness shall be a lien on the land upon which such lien exists, and to provide for a penalty of ten per cent for failure to pay such tax, and to provide for the payment of such tax by the party owing such indebtedness in the event the same

is not paid by the owner of such indebtedness, together with such penalty, and to allow such owner a credit on such indebtedness to the extent of the tax and penalty so paid by him."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Nichols:

H. B. No. 262, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2760, Chapter 12, Title 48, of the Revised Statutes, 1911, of the State of Texas, relating to the appointment of parent and guardian, for transfer."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Holland:

H. B. No. 263, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony and the punishment assessed is for any term in the penitentiary of fifteen years or less, and who has filed a motion for a new trial, to execute a bond, to be fixed and approved by the court, payable to the State of Texas, conditioned to secure his appearance and abide the judgment and orders of the court, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

By Mr. Clark:

H. B. No. 264, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the charging or collecting of a greater rate of interest than ten per cent per annum, prescribing what shall be shown on the face of each note or contract evidencing a loan or forbearance for money, and prescribing penalty for violation of this act."

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Clark:

H. B. No. 265, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the charging or collecting of a greater rate of interest than ten per cent per annum, prescribing what shall be shown on the face of each note or contract evidencing a loan or forbearance for money, and prescribing penalty for violation of this act."

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Neeley:

H. B. No. 266, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent fraud upon the public by requiring manufacturers to place their own names and addresses upon manufactured articles, together with the year manufactured, and a statement of

fourth Legislature, providing that in all cases where the amount of the delinquent tax due to the State and county, exclusive of interest and penalties, shall amount to ten dollars and less against any lot, tract or parcel of land, it shall be the duty of the county attorney to file suit in such cases only when directed so to do by the commissioners court of the county by an order duly made and entered on the minutes of the commissioners court."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING.

The following House Joint Resolution was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. Bryant:

H. J. R. No. 21; Proposing an amendment to Section 2, Article 86, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing the qualifications of electors, and so amending said section as to require that every male person of foreign birth not otherwise disqualified shall become a citizen of the United States in accordance with the Federal naturalization laws, fixing the date of an election at which such amendment shall be voted upon, the style of the ballots, providing that such amendment be self-enacting, and making an appropriation to defray the necessary expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

RELATING TO PROPOSED AMEND- MENTS TO NATIONAL CON- STITUTION.

Mr. Dunnam offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Democratic party of Texas and of the nation has always been committed to the principle of State rights; and

Whereas, Our great President, Woodrow Wilson, who preserved his party to the people's hands after it had slumbered in defeat for eighteen years, believes that each State should have the right of local self-government; and

Whereas, The people of Texas are opposed to any tendency towards centralization in our government; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to op-

pose the submission of constitutional amendments providing for national woman suffrage and national prohibition.

The resolution was read and was referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Federal Relations.

RELATING TO PAYMENT OF RENT FOR TYPEWRITERS.

Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches offered the following resolution:

Whereas, In the resolution providing for employes of the House, adopted by the House on the second day, to-wit, January 10, 1917, there is a provision allowing stenographers and committee clerks \$6.00 per month for ribbons and rent of typewriter; and

Whereas, The resolution does not specifically state the amount allowed for each item, to-wit, the rent of machines and ribbons; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That each stenographer and committee clerk furnishing a typewriter for use in the House shall be allowed for rent of said machine not to exceed \$3.00 per month. That whenever a stenographer or committee clerk is required to have a new ribbon for their machine the same shall be secured from the Sergeant-at-Arms, on order of the clerk of the Contingent Expense Committee, but in no event shall said rent of typewriter and ribbons combined exceed the sum of \$6.00 per month.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Parks offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend resolution by adding to the number of clerks who shall be included in the typewriter rent and ribbon allowance of \$6.00 per month the Enrolling and Engrossing Clerks, who were not included in the original resolution.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Bagby moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Rules, and the motion was lost.

Question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Holland, House bill No. 139 was withdrawn from the Judiciary Committee and re-referred to the Committee on Labor.

HOUSE BILL NO. 47 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the support and maintenance of the State Quarantine Station at Brownsville, Texas, and other points within the State for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed to engrossment?

Mr. Canales offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 1 of said bill by striking out the following clause, "and declaring an emergency," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Provided, however, that the State Health Officer shall have the right to change any of these officers from one station to another."

Signed—Canales, Sallas.

The amendment was adopted.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

Mr. Canales offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 1 of said bill by inserting before the word "Total," the following: "Salary of one quarantine officer located at Presidio from February 1 to August 31, 1917, at a salary of \$150 per month, \$1050."

Signed—Canales, Sallas.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Canales offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by changing the total in said bill so as to read "\$5625."

Signed—Canales, Sallas.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 47 was then passed to engrossment.

ADDITION TO STANDING COMMITTEE.

On motion of Mr. Woodul, by unanimous consent, Mr. Bland was added to the Committee on State Affairs.

INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

(In Joint Session.)

At the hour of 12 o'clock m., fixed by concurrent action of the two houses for the Senate and House of Representatives to meet in joint session for the purpose of inaugurating the Governor-elect and the Lieutenant Governor-elect, the Honorable Senate were announced at the bar of the House, and by direction of the Speaker were admitted.

Escorted by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, M. F. Hornbuckle, the Secretary of the Senate, John D. McCall, and the Journal Clerk of the Senate, R. M. Gilmore, the Senators advanced into the Hall and, by direction of the Speaker of the House, occupied seats already prepared for them along the aisle.

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Hon. J. M. Henderson, by invitation of the Speaker, occupied a seat on the Speaker's stand on the right of the Speaker.

Hon. James E. Ferguson, Governor-elect, and Hon. W. P. Hobby, Lieutenant Governor-elect, and their company being announced at the bar of the House, were admitted and conducted to the Speaker's stand, where they were invited to seats.

Senators Woodward, Bailey and Gibson, the joint committee on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Woods, Clark, Canales, Neill and Miller of Dallas, the joint committee on the part of the House; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Hon. Nelson Phillips; Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, Hon. R. E. Yantis and Hon. William E. Hawkins; Hon. A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor of Austin; Hon. Churchill J. Bartlett, Secretary of State; Adjutant General Henry Hutchings and the members of the Governor's Staff; the Judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals and of the Courts of Civil Appeals; the heads of the various State departments and others accompanied the Governor-elect and the Lieutenant Governor-elect to the Speaker's stand.

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate then directed the Secretary of the Senate to call the roll of the Senate.

The roll of the Senate was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Senators: Alderdice, Bailey, Bee, Buchanan of Bell, Buchanan of Scurry, Caldwell, Clark, Davton, Dean, Decherd, Floyd, Gibson, Hall, Harley, Henderson, Hopkins, Johnson of Hall, Johnston of Harris, King, Lattimore, McCollum, McNealus, Page, Parr, Robbins, Strickland, Westbrook, Woodward.

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate announced a quorum of the Senate present.

The Speaker then directed the Clerk to call the roll of the House.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Bagby.
Baker.

Beard of Harris.
Beard of Milam.

the material used, and providing penalty for violation of the same."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. McDowra:

H. B. No. 267, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend subdivision 3, Article 608, of the Revised Statutes of 1911, relating to continuance."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. McDowra and Mr. McCoy:

H. B. No. 268, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the city of Paris and Lamar county in the re-establishment and rebuilding permanent public improvements by donating and granting to them the State ad valorem and a part of the poll taxes and occupation taxes collected on property and from persons in said county of Lamar for a period of five years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Russell:

H. B. No. 269, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Odem Independent School District, known as Common School District No. 7 in San Patricio county, Texas; including within its limits the town of Odem and defining its boundaries; and providing for the creating of trustees hereof and conferring upon the board of trustees practically plenary powers; providing for a board of equalization, and prescribing the duties and authorities thereof and further prescribing the duties, authority and limitation of the board of trustees; declaring valid an issue or issues of bonds heretofore voted; giving the county board of trustees concurrent jurisdiction with the Legislature in changing the boundary lines of said district; making all changes in districts affected by this act; prescribing the time when this act shall become effective, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith in so far as they conflict with this act."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Russell:

H. B. No. 270, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the commissioners court of all counties having a population of less than forty thousand inhabitants and having no city of a population of twenty-five thousand inhabitants to cause to be published the proceedings of all regular and special

terms of court; providing for the award of the contract for such publication, and for the posting of such proceedings in counties where same cannot be published; requiring the clerk of the court to give notice of the time for receiving bids for such publications; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Bertram:

H. B. No. 271, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Hopkins county; making the county commissioners of said county road commissioners, and prescribing the duties as such, etc.; providing for overseers or road keepers, etc., providing for the employment of county convicts and their compensation; providing for the employing of delinquent poll taxpayers and a penalty for their failure to work on county roads of Hopkins county; providing that this act shall take the place of and repeal all other special road tax laws heretofore passed for the benefit of Hopkins county public roads, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. McFarland:

H. B. No. 272, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit fishing and hunting or depredating on enclosed land of any person, firm or corporation, without the consent of such person, firm or corporation or a duly authorized agent; prescribing a penalty for the violation of this act; repealing Articles 1255, 1255a, 1255b, 1255c, 1255d, 1255e and 1256, Revised Criminal Statutes of 1911, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. McFarland:

H. B. No. 273, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the district court in the various counties comprising the Sixty-third Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. McFarland:

H. B. No. 274, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 147 of the General Laws of the Thirty-

Beasley.	Metcalf.
Beason.	Miller of Austin.
Bedell.	Miller of Dallas.
Bell.	Monday.
Bertram.	Moore.
Blackburn.	Morris.
Blackmon.	Murrell.
Blalock.	Neeley.
Bland.	Neill.
Bledsoe.	Nichols.
Boner.	Nordhaus.
Brown.	O'Banion.
Bryan.	O'Brien.
Bryant.	Osborne.
Burton of Rusk.	Parks.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peddy.
Butler.	Peyton.
Cadenhead.	Pillow.
Canales.	Poage.
Carlock.	Pope.
Clark.	Raiden.
Cope.	Reeves.
Cox.	Richards.
Crudgington.	Robertson.
Davis of Dallas.	Roemer.
Davis of Grimes.	Rogers.
Davis	Russell.
of Van Zandt.	Sackett.
De Bogory.	Sallas.
Denton.	Sentell.
Dodd.	Schlesinger.
Dudley.	Schlosshan.
Dunnam.	Seawright.
Estes.	Sholars.
Fairchild.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fisher.	Smith of Hopkins.
Florer.	Smith of Scurry.
Fly.	Spencer of Nolan.
Greenwood.	Spencer of Wise.
Haidusek.	Spradley.
Harris.	Stewart.
Hartman.	Strayhorn.
Hawkins.	Swope.
Hill.	Taylor.
Holland.	Templeton.
Hudspeth.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Thomas.
Jones.	Thomason
Laas.	of El Paso.
Lacey.	Thomason
Laney.	of Nacogdoches.
Lange.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Hunt.
Lee.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Red River.
Lowe	Tillotson.
of McMullen.	Tilson.
Low	Tinner.
of Washington.	Trayler.
McComb.	Upchurch.
McCoy.	Valentine.
McDowra.	Veatch.
McFarland.	Wahrmund.
McMillin.	Walker.
Martin.	White.
Meador.	Williams
Mendell.	of Brazoria.

Williford.
Wilson.
Woods.

Woodul.
Yantis.

Absent.

Cates. Williams
Fitzpatrick. of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Hardey. Tschoepe.
Scholl.

The Speaker announced a quorum of the House present.

Speaker Fuller then directed the Clerk to read from the House Journal of January 11, 1917, the report of the joint committee appointed to arrange for counting the vote for, and for the inauguration of, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, which report was, on that day, duly adopted.

The Clerk then read the report as follows:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 11, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate, and Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: Your joint committee, appointed to make arrangements to count the vote for, and arrange for the inauguration of, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, beg leave to recommend that the House and Senate meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Monday, the 15th day of January, A. D. 1917, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of counting said votes, and that the House and Senate shall sit in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, the 16th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, at which time the joint committee will escort the Governor-elect and the Lieutenant Governor-elect to the Speaker's stand and the oath of office will be administered to them by the Hon. Nelson Phillips, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

WOODWARD,

BAILEY,

GIBSON,

On the part of the Senate,

WOODS,

CLARK,

CANALES,

NEILL,

MILLER of Dallas,

On the part of the House.

Rev. W. A. Hamlett, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Austin, on request of the Speaker of the House, offered prayer.

The Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate then announced that the two houses were in joint session for the purpose of inaugurating the Governor-elect and Lieutenant Governor-elect.

Hon. James E. Ferguson, Governor-elect, first came forward, and touching the Holy Bible with his right hand, took the oath of office, which was administered to him by Chief Justice Nelson Phillips.

Governor James E. Ferguson then affixed his signature to the official oath, Chief Justice Phillips attesting same with the great seal of the commonwealth of Texas.

Chief Justice Phillips then administered the oath of office to Hon. William P. Hobby, Lieutenant Governor-elect, in the same manner as to the Governor-elect.

Lieutenant Governor Hobby then affixed his signature to the official oath, Chief Justice Phillips attesting the same with the great seal of the commonwealth of Texas.

Hon. J. M. Henderson, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, being presented to the joint session by Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House, presented Hon. James E. Ferguson to the joint session and the assemblage.

Governor Ferguson then addressed the joint session and the assemblage as follows:

"My Fellow Citizens, Gentlemen of the House and Senate:

"In taking the oath just administered, I have by the will and grace of a noble and generous people reassumed grave and solemn responsibilities, the degree of which I keenly and deeply realize.

"And in return for the preference and generosity thus bestowed by my people with the help of God, I shall faithfully, unselfishly and with a single eye to duty, endeavor to continue a watchful and humble servant of the people who have thus honored me.

"Under ordinary circumstances the taking of this solemn oath of the highest preferment within your gift would carry with it a weight of serious responsibility, but the duties of this office are greatly intensified by well known conditions which confront us. Our situation demands a clear and firm purpose, a deep measure of forbearance and the whole-souled, heartfelt co-operation of each de-

partment of our government, together with an unyielding observance of our public pledges.

"In this magnificent presence may I be permitted to say that the confidence of my people is dearer to me by far than any office with its glamour of temporal power. Deeply attached to our unprecedented and marvelous history, wonderful in its infancy, glorious in later memories and attracting an amazed world in its present development, I reassume the duties of office today concerned for the advancement and wholesome progress of our people. I shall ever be watchful of our material interests and to the people of Texas I today publicly acknowledge supremacy and my respect, and rededicate my honor, my time, my energies and ability to the promotion of our well being in the work to which I have been called.

"But far, far above all personal triumph or pleasure or pride is the distinctive and far-reaching triumph of our great Democratic party. Since our government was established for the safety and happiness of our people, the object of our laws should be to accomplish that end. The people expect much of us, as their chosen representatives. Since the great masses do and should control our government there are no better judges than the people of what is right and proper in regard to the careful performance of duty. In the masses of the people it is with pride that I express my undying confidence.

"Prosperity must depend on the condition of labor and its reward. From the farm, the ranch, and the workshop come pure-hearted patriots. So every legitimate effort which tends to lighten the burdens of industry and create new life therein should receive our support and commendation. We should remember that all honest wealth is the result of labor.

"I trust that all matters heretofore submitted to you will receive your careful consideration. The protection of labor and capital, the perpetuation of general education, the promotion of peace and prosperity, I am sure will be first in your minds and purposes.

"The doors of my department are open to the members of this Legislature, for ours is a common work for the glory of a proud and glorious constituency.

"That each one of you will act well your part I do not doubt, and I assume the duties of office today with the sincere purpose of assisting and co-operating with you in whatever may redound to the happiness and the glory of our

people, their permanence, excellence and substantial welfare.

"Upon this most auspicious occasion I want to express my warm appreciation of this our beautiful city. The attentions, official and personal, received during my pleasant residence here I have been glad to accept with a full sense of your kind and genuine hospitality.

"With the sacred honor of my native State written deep upon my heart and with no higher object than to maintain and hold supreme her spotless record, I consecrate to her my strength, my life, and a heart of gratitude."

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives being presented to the joint session by Hon. J. M. Henderson, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, presented Hon. W. P. Hobby to the joint session and the assemblage.

Lieutenant Governor Hobby then addressed the joint session and the assemblage as follows:

"Two years ago when in this historic hall I pledged my faith to the people of Texas I was proud of the honor because of the opportunity it gave me to serve my native State and I was proud of it because of the character and the quality of the people who conferred it upon me. I am even more proud of the honor you confer upon me now, because it is a renewal of the commission given me then; and I would rather receive this evidence of your approval than to possess great wealth or 'trod the ways of glory' and sound all the depths and shoals of worldly and political honor. To win the favor of my friends and my State is the highest ambition I have ever cherished, and placing this trust again in my hands with this sign of your confidence causes the duties and exactions of the office to become a labor of love.

"This is a period that vindicates the wisdom of free and popular government. While those old and crumbling monarchies on the other side are fighting like cats and dogs to see which one will 'pull a bone' this fair land of ours enjoys the blessings of peace and the pursuit of happiness. While the pretended republic to the south of us is trailing in the dust of tyranny and ignorance we are growing stronger in the shining light of progress. Through all this turmoil and strife the standard of Americanism today brings a glow of pride to the cheek of every citizen in this land. It is that high standard that puts duty

above ambition and conquest and righteousness above rapacity. It is a standard that separates government from greed. It teaches the world that life is more precious than lucre and that when it comes to settling disputes the forum of argument is better than the field of battle. And just as America under the guidance of a wise and peaceful President has met all demands in this hour of trial, let us hope that the servants of the people who are gathered here today will meet all the demands of a greater Texas. And in this era of worldwide trouble and international sorrow prevailing only under governments that do not exist of, for and by the people, in this eventful period when it is proper for one's patriotism to soar up to the skies and wend its way unhindered through the realms of space, the highest, the noblest and most genuine thrill of patriotic fervor can only be felt on an occasion like this where the spirit of America is mingled and united with the spirit of Texas. Because America was emancipated from what is now a war-ridden country over yonder, and Texas was emancipated from what is now a war-ridden country over here.

"The surroundings at this hour are encouraging to any man who has a public duty to perform. It is inspiring to greet an audience of Texas people anywhere and catch the drift of the Texas spirit, but it is more inspiring to greet an audience like this of Texas people from everywhere. Whether we breathe the air of those cotton fields that make the black land belt white, whether we draw in the ozone from the cactus and the cattle plains all the way to El Paso, whether we are fanned by the breezes of the Panhandle plains, whether we are washed by the waves that swell upon the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, or whether we are lulled by the zephyrs that sweep down from the pine trees of East Texas, we feel the impulse of the same Texas spirit—a spirit that was inherited from men who battled for freedom and won it, and a spirit preserved by men who will never part with it for a price less than the fathers paid.

"Guided by the Texas spirit and hearing the voice of a people which I regard as the only master's voice for a public official to heed and the voice of a people who in my judgment are destined to lead the march of progress and democracy for all the world, my only purpose in discharging the duties of this office will

be to do justice to all and to contribute in whatever way I can to the growth and prosperity of this young and glorious and imperial commonwealth."

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives, at 12:40 o'clock p. m., announced the business of the joint session completed.

On motion of Senator McNealus, the Senate, at 12:40 o'clock p. m., retired to its chamber.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Mendell, the House, at 12:40 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 74, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

PEYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 76, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

PEYTON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 13, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House bill No. 47, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Messrs. Walker, Roemer and Strayhorn have been appointed to make a full report thereon.

DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman.

EIGHTH DAY.

(Wednesday, January 17, 1917.)

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Lange.
Baker.	Lanier.
Beard of Harris.	Lee.
Beard of Milam.	Lindemann.
Beasley.	Lowe
Beason.	of McMullen.
Bedell.	Low
Bell.	of Washington.
Bertram.	McComb.
Blackburn.	McCoy.
Blackmon.	McDowra.
Blalock.	McFarland.
Bledsoe.	McMillin.
Boner.	Martin.
Brown.	Meador.
Bryan.	Mendell.
Bryant.	Metcalf.
Burton of Rusk.	Miller of Austin.
Burton of Tarrant.	Miller of Dallas.
Butler.	Monday.
Cadenhead.	Moore.
Canales.	Morris.
Carlock.	Murrell.
Cates.	Neeley.
Clark.	Neill.
Cope.	Nichols.
Cox.	Nordhaus.
Crudgington.	O'Banion.
Davis of Dallas.	O'Brien.
Davis of Grimes.	Osborne.
Davis	Parks.
of Van Zandt.	Peddy.
De Bogory.	Peyton.
Denton.	Pillow.
Dodd.	Poage.
Dudley.	Pope.
Dunnam.	Raiden.
Estes.	Reeves.
Fairchild.	Richards.
Fisher.	Robertson.
Fitzpatrick.	Roemer.
Florer.	Rogers.
Fly.	Russell.
Greenwood.	Sackett.
Haidusek.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Sentell.
Harris.	Schlesinger.
Hartman.	Schlosshan.
Hawkins.	Scholl.
Hill.	Seawright.
Holland.	Sholars.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Hopkins.
Johnson.	Smith of Scurry.
Jones.	Spencer of Nolan.
Laas.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	Spradley.
Laney.	Stewart.